

Washington Broadband Committee

Thursday, September 17, 2020

at the Evening Star Grange, Washington

Present: Sara Bullard (Chair), Will Cassis, Sarah Masters, Lee Shane, Patience Eaton, and Tom Johnston

Called to Order

Chair distributed committee packets to members. Minutes of August 6, August 20, and September 3 were reviewed and approved. Draft letter to Washington residents re: survey also reviewed. Documents provided by Consolidated Communications were also reviewed.

Methods of survey distribution were discussed, Tom Johnston confirms a digital version could be linked from the Town's website and paper versions can be distributed through the Town Office. Committee members will review the questions in an endeavour to simplify the survey to elicit a greater response rate.

Tom will reach out to the Knox County Planning (Board/Committee/Commission?) for guidance and possible coordination on successful community surveys.

The Chair will reach out to Axiom Technologies, the ISP that has partnered with Somerville on their municipal broadband project.

Committee members will identify survey questions that they feel are the most important. The consensus is that a series of short surveys will be the most effective way to identify needs in the town.

Jeff Nevins from Consolidated Communications will present their options to the committee on Thursday, October 15.

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 1 at 6 pm

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